



## **Borough of Weatherly**

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*Dear Resident:*

*The New Year will bring to us some additional expenses. The first cost increase will be in your electric bill starting in January. You may have heard this on the news or in the newspaper. The increase is not generated by the borough but through the PJM Interconnection an RTO that coordinates the movement of electricity for Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky, Michigan, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, DC and New Jersey as well as parts of Ohio and New York. The PJM ensures that there is sufficient energy available to handle heavy loads such as very cold days in winter and heat waves in the summer. While the borough is affected so is PPL, Met-ED, PICO and all other electric companies in these states. The increased cost is in the capacity and transmission aspects of our billing which we and the others have no control over. Our energy cost remains the same with no increase but as mentioned the capacity and transmission cost will be going up and this will be for the entire year and possibly into the next year. We will use the purchase power adjustment to cover these costs and it will be in the neighborhood of 20% or more. There are measures you can take to help mitigate this increase*

*You can help yourself by being more prudent in your usage. Try to cutback on leaving lights on when not needed. Large electric appliances such as refrigerators, freezers can be a severe drain if they are old and run more than necessary. The use of the quartz heaters and other such heaters as well as air conditioning in the summer do use a lot of energy. Just think where you can cutback and this will help with lowering the impact.*

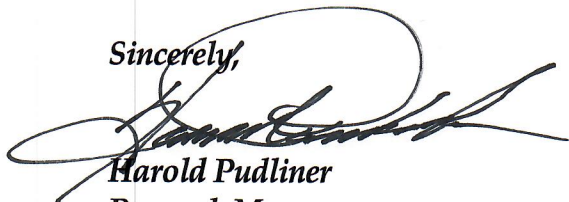
*The other increase we will see in January and for the next year will be in the Garbage pick-up charge. Our garbage contract must go out to bid prior to the end of the contract term, which for us is December 31, 2021. We bid the contract in September and we only had one bidder with a very, very high bid. Based on this Council decided to rebid the contract. There are only three haulers in the area to actually bid on our contract. The first round of bidding we had County Waste bid and they were the only one because of the one section of the contract; that the residents could put out an unlimited number of bags and bulk items in a reasonable amount. Tamaqua Transfer would not bid because of that clause in the contract with the unlimited amounts. So,*

*in order to get another bidder, the clause had to be changed to allow 6 bags per week and one bulk item a month. We went out to bid a second time in October and received bids from Tamaqua and County Waste. We had them bid a one year, three year and five-year contract. Council only wanted to take a one-year contract to see if something would change in that year. County Waste was the only one who bid a one year, Tamaqua did not bid on a one year but did on the three year and five years. County Waste will have the contract for 2022 and we will go out to bid again next year for 2023 contract. So, this year we will have a \$5.00 increase per month in your garbage bill.*

*I just want to remind everyone that the contract is based on a contracted number of pickups as it always has been. This means that even if the apartment, house or building is not occupied, we are charged for that unit regardless of occupancy. So, the property owner is still responsible to pay the monthly fee. This is not only here but everywhere; other municipalities have the same payment requirements, as the contracts are all based on the same formula.*

*I know this is not the best way to start the New Year. But we are not the only ones who will experience the electric increase and the garbage rates are on the rise all over.*

*Sincerely,*



**Harold Pudliner**  
Borough Manager